

# WEEKLY NEWS

Trinity Methodist Church Woking

## Message from the Leadership Team (LT)

As we gather together this Low Sunday, the first after the joy and celebration of Easter Day, we are reminded that the risen Christ meets us not only in the peak moments of faith, but also in the quieter, much more ordinary spaces of daily life.

Low Sunday is sometimes called 'Thomas Sunday', a time when we remember the disciple who struggled to believe until he saw the risen Lord for himself. In Thomas, we find honesty. In his doubt, we find hope for ourselves. And in Christ's gentle response to him, we can discover a grace that meets us wherever we are.

We believe the resurrection is not only a past event but a present reality. Even when the hymns fade and the lilies sadly begin to wilt, the risen Jesus still brings peace into our hearts. Whether we feel full of faith or find ourselves questioning, the invitation remains: 'Come and see. Reach out and believe.'

May this Sunday be a reminder that God is not distant in our doubts or absent in our everyday lives. Christ is with us still; walking, speaking, and offering peace that passes all understanding.

With every blessing,

Samantha

## Forthcoming Services

**Sunday 27 April 2025**

Morning Worship led by  
Hugh Bowerman.

10.30am

Foundry Worship

6pm

**Sunday 4 May 2025**

Communion Service led by  
Rev Peter Hills

**Live Stream Link**  
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## Circuit News

The Circuit prayer diary  
for the month is [HERE](#)

Details of the Circuit  
Service on 11 May are  
[HERE](#)

## A Statement on the death of His Holiness Pope Francis



The Methodist Church in Britain receives with deep sadness the news of the death of His Holiness Pope Francis, and gives thanks for his life and Christian witness.

Even to the final days of his long life, by his actions and his words, Pope Francis continued to set forth the gospel of God's love in Christ. He spoke plainly of the hope that is to be found in Jesus Christ, showed profound compassion for those who are poor and marginalised, and gave particular emphasis to God's demand for global justice. Through his papacy, Francis has fostered an openness to Christians sharing together in the Church's life and mission, in ways which have broken new ground for the Catholic Church. In all these ways, for many Methodists Pope Francis's witness to the Christian faith holds a special resonance, and his loss is deeply felt.

Methodists join in these days in prayer and sympathy with our Catholic sisters and brothers, who have lost their Holy Father, recognising the pain that this brings. Methodists will also offer prayers in the days ahead for the Catholic Church, as she navigates this period. As God receives Pope Francis into God's arms of love, we pray that he may rest in peace and rise in glory.

## Foundry Worship Sunday 27 April

"The widening of God's mercy"

This week we welcome Rev Malcolm Herbert. His theme is "The widening of God's mercy". As I get older, I am becoming more tolerant to the idea that God's mercy may be wider than I thought when younger. Sometimes I find it quite frightening how narrow some people take God's mercy to be. I for one will be very interested to hear what Malcolm has to share with us.

We meet at 5.45pm for refreshments with worship starting at 6pm. Our cafe style worship will have worship led by our band with opportunity to share thoughts and pray. If you are able to join us, you are very welcome.

Take care

Hugh Bowerman  
Foundry Pastor

## New newsletter Editor

Sue Tozer will be editing the newsletter from May 2025. Welcome Sue, and Thank You!

## The Challenge of Ageing- The Saga Years

**Saturday 26 April**

'The Challenge of Ageing-The Saga Years' at Godalming Baptist Church led by Revd Peter Jackson. He will address questions such as 'How can we live well as we live longer? Is there a difference between ageing and maturity? Is ageism a factor in our society?' and more issues! To book a place please contact Sally Pollard [pollard3@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:pollard3@hotmail.co.uk)

Submitted by Allison Jackson



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## Plant Sale

Add charm to your home and garden with a lovely plant! Enjoy refreshments, helpful assistance, and browse a selection of other goods. Cash and card accepted.

10 AM to 12 NOON  
**10th May 2025**  
Saturday

Trinity Methodist Church,  
Brewery Road, Woking  
GU21 4LH



**Have you ever heard anyone call themselves a Saint?** There are many famous Saints! Saint Valentine, St Patrick, St David, Saint John the Baptist to name

just a few! This week we have been thinking about Saint George – the Patron Saint of England.

We celebrate St. George's day on the date of his death (23rd April). Legend says St. George killed a dragon and saved a princess.



**But what is a Saint?** A Saint is a special friend of God who lived a holy life and now lives with God in heaven. The Church calls some holy people, "Saints" and it wants us to know their stories because Saints did everything for God and we can learn from them.



It tells us in the Bible in 1 Corinthians 1-vs2 that **"He (God) has chosen you to be His holy people."** In some Bibles it says he calls us to be or **Saints**. You can often see images of Saints with a halo in a church's stained-glass window. **Saints were ordinary people who loved God.**

We are all called to be Saints wherever we may be - at home, on the street, at work, at school, at church. We can do this by loving God and by "living with love." This means knowing that God loves us and then sharing God's love with everyone we meet by being kind, and generous and patient and caring.



**Could you be a Saint?**

**Messy Fun Church Handout**



As I leave Trinity this week, I hope you will indulge me, and join me in enjoying some of these photos of my time here. Special memories. Thank you all for being so welcoming and supportive to me. I will miss you, and am sending you my love and best wishes for the future. Especial thanks to the wonderful Rev Sam, who personally I find to be an inspiration, and John N. I thought he would be a scary line manager, but he wasn't; promise! John, thank you for your wisdom and kindness. Dan WS



Lottie (Surrey Choices placement student), and 'Super Volunteer' Sheila C.



Set up for worship during Covid



The terrible two. Car park supremoes Emlyn T. and Graham W.



The wonderful, irrepressible Mr Bowerman! We had so many laughs, and deep philosophical conversations about the state of modern Methodism (!), when we worked together. I learnt so much from him. #teamfoundry teammission



When the window broke! What a bang, and what a challenge to fix, and to make sure the others were secure!



Kay K. who did a great job keeping me in order for a year, and produced the most marvellous graphics. Kay is so talented, and such a committed Christian.